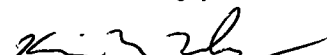


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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2009, finally rejecting claims 21-24 and 26-28 please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/007164.C1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.